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ter into the thoughts, of those to whom this Western world was unfolding fresh marvels and mysteries day by day, exciting ever-new amazement, and tasking the capacities of language in describing experiences stranger than the dreams of an earlier generation.

21. — *History and Analysis of the Constitution of the United States, with a full Account of the Confederations which preceded it; of the Debates and Acts of the Convention which formed it; of the Judicial Decisions which have construed it; with Papers and Tables illustrative of the Action of the Government and People under it.* By NATHANIEL C. TOWLE, Counsellor at Law, Washington, D. C. Boston: Little, Brown, & Co. 1860. 12mo. pp. 444.

IN his admirably worded title-page Mr. Towle gives us the measure by which to test his work, which contains in the simplest form, in an arrangement well adapted for reference, and with a full index, precisely what the author promises. In the body of the work the Constitution is divided into clauses, and under each clause are given whatever of antecedent history belonged to it, an abridged history of the alternatives or substitutes for it proposed in Convention, and a list of the judicial decisions by which its construction has been determined or modified. This analysis is followed by a compilation of such documents and historical notices as were requisite to complete the author's plan. The book has the precision of a strictly legal work. It is not a popular treatise, but a book designed for permanent reference and use; Heaven grant that it continue to be of current use, and not the memorial of a Union shipwrecked and shattered! The author deserves the thanks of the American public for the thorough execution of his self-imposed task, as felicitous in its design as it is successful in its performance.

22. — *General Problems from the Orthographic Projections of Descriptive Geometry; with their Applications to Oblique — including Isometrical — Projections, Graphical Constructions in Spherical Trigonometry, Topographical Projection ("One Plane Descriptive"), and Graphic Transformations.* By S. EDWARD WARREN, C. E., Professor of Descriptive Geometry and Geometrical Drawing in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. New York: John Wiley. 1860. 8vo. pp. 412. Plates 35.

THIS work can hardly be analyzed in detail in a literary journal, and, if it could be, we might distrust our own competency to the task.